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IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA LOWER MISSOURI DIVISION MUSSELSHELL RIVER ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN (40A) PRELIMINARY DECREE

CLAIMANTS: Deborah S. Tierney; Eugene W. Tierney Jr.

OBJECTORS: Deborah S. Tierney; Eugene W. Tierney Jr.

40A 123699-00	
40A 123700-00	
40A 123701-00	
40A 123702-00	
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40A 123703-00 40A 123708-00 40A 123712-00

40A 123713-00

ORDER AMENDING AND ADOPTING MASTER'S REPORT

Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated, §85-2-233(5), the above-captioned case was assigned to Water Master Colton J. Lauer. The Water Master filed a Report containing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with the Clerk of Court. Claimants timely filed an objection to the Master's Report regarding one clerical error appearing in on an abstract of one claim.

Claim 40A 123701-00

Claimant states that although the Court approved Claimants motion to add an information remark to Claim 40A 123701-00, the remark does not appear on the post-decree abstract. Upon review, the remark in question is in fact missing from the post-decree abstract.

The following remark will be added to Claim 40A 123701-00: "Source includes multiple springs."

The Court has reviewed the Water Master's Findings and Conclusions. Pursuant to Rule 53(e), Montana Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court **ADOPTS** the Master's Report with the above referenced amendment.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW.

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ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 123699-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: EUGENE W TIERNEY JR

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

DEBORAH S TIERNEY

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

Priority Date: JANUARY 15, 1896

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

SOURCE INCLUDES MULTIPLE SPRINGS

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

<u>ID</u>	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	<u>Sec</u>	Twp	Rge	County	
1		N2	5	5N	18E	GOLDEN VALLEY	
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DEC	CEMBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE						
2		E2	6	5N	18E	GOLDEN VALLEY	
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DEC	CEMBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE						
3		N2	7	5N	18E	GOLDEN VALLEY	
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DEC	CEMBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE						
4		SW	7	5N	18E	GOLDEN VALLEY	
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DEC	CEMBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT	T FROM SO	URCE				

JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	<u>Sec</u>	Twp	<u>Rge</u>	County
1			N2	5	5N	18E	GOLDEN VALLEY
2			E2	6	5N	18E	GOLDEN VALLEY
3			N2	7	5N	18E	GOLDEN VALLEY
4			SW	7	5N	18E	GOLDEN VALLEY

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 123700-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: EUGENE W TIERNEY JR

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

DEBORAH S TIERNEY

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

Priority Date: AUGUST 15, 1940

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT

HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

SOURCE INCLUDES MULTIPLE SPRINGS

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NWNENE 4 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

NWNENE 4 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Dam Height:12.00 FEETDepth:9.00 FEET

Surface Area: 1.40 ACRES

Capacity: 5.04 ACRE-FEET

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

IDAcresGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1NENE45N18EGOLDEN VALLEY

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ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 123701-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: EUGENE W TIERNEY JR

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

DEBORAH S TIERNEY

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

Priority Date: MAY 30, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT

HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

SOURCE INCLUDES MULTIPLE SPRINGS

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENENW 9 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

NENENW 9 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Dam Height:12.00 FEETDepth:9.00 FEET

Surface Area: 0.40 ACRES

Capacity: 1.44 ACRE-FEET

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

IDAcresGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1NENENW95N18EGOLDEN VALLEY

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 123702-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: EUGENE W TIERNEY JR

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

DEBORAH S TIERNEY

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

Priority Date: JUNE 12, 1914

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

SOURCE INCLUDES MULTIPLE SPRINGS

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENW 4 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENW 4 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 123703-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: EUGENE W TIERNEY JR

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

DEBORAH S TIERNEY

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

Priority Date: JUNE 17, 1920

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM.
THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

SOURCE INCLUDES MULTIPLE SPRINGS

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NE 4 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NE 4 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 123708-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: EUGENE W TIERNEY JR

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

DEBORAH S TIERNEY

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

Priority Date: JANUARY 15, 1896

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT

HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF FISH CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

SOURCE INCLUDES MULTIPLE SPRINGS

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESWNE 3 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

NESWNE 3 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESWNE 3 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 123712-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: EUGENE W TIERNEY JR

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

DEBORAH S TIERNEY

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

Priority Date: AUGUST 10, 1961

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 15.00 GPM

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

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Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NWNENE 4 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 NWNENE 4 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 123713-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: EUGENE W TIERNEY JR

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

DEBORAH S TIERNEY

3717 OTIS LN

BILLINGS, MT 59102 0215

Priority Date: JANUARY 15, 1896

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

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HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

SOURCE INCLUDES MULTIPLE SPRINGS

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NWSW 7 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NWSW 7 5N 18E GOLDEN VALLEY